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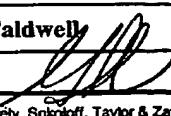
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1252	460	2262	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1,020	2263	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,590	2264	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,160	2265	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2005, applicants provide the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application for reconsideration.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,637,004 (Chen). Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

With all due respect, applicants respectfully request the Examiner's cooperation in developing a complete and clear prosecution record in the event that the present application goes to appeal. Applicants submit that the present record is unclear and that

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